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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1909.

Has your turkey been operated upon yet?

We may yet have to rely upon Walter Wellman to settle the polar squabble.

And do they term the sugar fraud cases a sweet scandal in high finance?

It is being intimated that Fairbanks discarded his whiskers in order to win the barber vote when he re-enters the political arena.

Blanche Ring says the chorus man is awkward, looks foolish and never acts like a human being, and that she proposes to drop all such freaks from her company. This is rather hard on poor man, but it must be admitted that the average chorus man in the so-called funny musical shows does really look like a walking delegate of the grave diggers' union.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson states that the amount which the government expends on experimental work for increasing the efficiency of the farms of the United States is eighteen million dollars a year. The secretary is of opinion that the results are worth the money. He explains that the assistance given to individual farmers is considerable and is not confined to any locality. As an instance of its effectiveness he cites the case of a farmer who was raising only twenty bushels of potatoes to the acre and appealed to the Department for assistance and advice, and who is now raising two hundred and fifty bushels of potatoes to the acre on the same land. The government experts were able to supply seed and suggest methods that turned failure into brilliant success. Of course the benefits of missionary work of this sort extend far and wide. A battleship costs nine million dollars. For the amount which it extends to conduct the experimental work of the Department of Agriculture the government could build two battleships a year—but it would be foolish to do so.

## THE SUGAR FRAUDS.

The stupendous, systematic, long-continued, far-reaching, and utterly despicable frauds perpetrated upon the government by the so-called sugar trust, involved incredible corruption, comments the Evening Wisconsin. Now that they stand revealed, the country is indignant. Not only has the treasury of the United States been robbed during a long series of years to the amount of more than thirty millions of dollars, but government employees have been corrupted and honorable competitors have been ruined. The wrecking of the well-equipped Philadelphia refinery which undertook to give consumers the benefit of com-

petition with the sugar trust was as flagrant as any act of piracy ever perpetrated on the high seas.

It seems evident now that there is an administration at Washington which will not weaken at the supreme moment and compound with great criminals caught in the perpetration of felonious acts. Yesterday's development bearing on the sugar frauds was that of one hundred and sixteen assistants weighers who have been regularly on duty in the custom house at New York, there are twenty-two who have been proved guilty of crooked work or who are under well-grounded suspicion. The fear has been entertained that when the government not long ago caused the sugar trust to pay into the federal treasury two million dollars in addition to the \$136,000 paid as a forfeit, the settlement which it thus effected might stop further collections to offset frauds subsequently disclosed. Very positively, however, came the statement from the treasury department yesterday that when the two million dollar settlement took place no agreement was made that in any manner limits the government in the prosecution of trust officials.

The frauds were going on as long ago as 1894, when the Democratic party was in control of the government at Washington. There was an investigation before the Senate during which Henry O. Havemeyer was examined on the subject of contributions from the exchequer of the sugar trust to political campaign funds.

Here is a veracious report of what happened at that time:—  
 Mr. Havemeyer sought to convince his questioners that contributions were made because of the fire and police protection corporations with much property must have. "You feel at liberty to contribute to both parties," asked Senator Allen. "It depends," said Mr. Havemeyer. "In the State of New York, where the Democratic majority is between 40,000 and 50,000, we throw it their way. In the State of Massachusetts, where the Republican party is doubtful, they probably have the call." "Then," said Senator Allen, "the sugar trust is a Democrat in a Republican state and a Republican in a Republican state?" "As far as local matters are concerned," said Mr. Havemeyer, "I think that is about it."

It is not the party stamp but the personal integrity of candidates for political office upon which dependence must be placed for honest administration of public affairs.

## THE RIGHT SORT OF MAN.

Says the Chicago Post:—  
 "We know a man who has already bought two Christmas presents."

Do you indeed? Good for him. He is an optimist—a real, genuine optimist. We are willing to wager a good cigar on that. Only persons of temperamental poise and altruistic dispositions are given to that sort of thing, and they are all apostles of hope and good cheer and sunshine, moreover.

Aside from the fact that the early Christmas shoppers catches the guaranteed bargains and likewise avoids the rush, we think we see in him a kindly disposition and a benevolent inclination to take time by the forelock both wisely and well in all good causes. Christmas and its sentimental obligations early get on his mind, and his enthusiasm must find release through some sort of safety valve, or he is most uncomfortable, if not actually unhappy. Therefore, he hies him forth while yet the pickings are all of tit-bit persuasion and there is no hurry. He smiles approvingly to himself as he wanders through masses of ties, and purses, and books, and trinkets, here and there—mayhap through stocks galore and cigars of doubtful lineage, too—and as at his leisure he picks this or that for parent, brother, sister, friend, or office boy, he pats himself upon the back and feels within himself the rapture of a high resolve never to put off until tomorrow that which he may do today, especially if it is something benign and kindly and conceived in sincerity and love.

Blessings be upon the head of this Chicago man who already—this good six weeks in advance—has put his Christmas shopping so well under way. Not only is he a wise man in his generation, but he writes himself down a humanitarian and a good fellow in letters that they who run may read. Such a man is the right sort, and may his shadow—which must be large and imposing—never grow less.

## "THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

1725—Gen. George Rogers Clarke, soldier and pioneer, born in Albemarle county, Va. Died near Louisville, Ky., Feb. 18, 1818.

1764—The "Connecticut Courant" was issued at Hartford.



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1807—Nearly 300 lives lost in a collision between the packet "Prince of Wales" and the transport ship "Rich- edale," near Dublin.

1831—James A. Garfield, twentieth president of the United States, born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio. Died at Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 19, 1881.

1832—Nullification in South Carolina.

1859—John Barry, second Roman Catholic bishop of Savannah, died in Paris, France. Born in Ireland about 1799.

1862—President Lincoln spoke at the dedication of the National Soldier's Cemetery at Gettysburg.

1871—Grand Duke Alexis, son of the Czar of Russia, arrived in New York.

1872—John P. Hale, the first anti-slavery senator of the United States, died at Dover, N. H. Born in 1806.

1904—Statue of Frederick the Great unveiled in Washington, D. C.

## "THIS IS MY 74TH BIRTHDAY."

Mrs. Annie Yeamans, the oldest actress on the American stage, was born on the Isle of Man, November 19, 1835. Her girlhood was spent in Australia, where as a child she went on the stage. At the age of 18 she married Edward Yeamans, a circus clown, and in the next few years she accompanied the circus on a tour of Australia, India and other parts of the world. When the circus stranded in Shanghai Mrs. Yeamans got together a few of the performers and they toured through all the possible parts of China. In 1888 she came to the United States and for several years played in a stock company in San Francisco. Then came a tour of the country with her husband, the two appearing in sketches in music-

halls and variety theaters. In Leavenworth, Kan., Mr. Yeamans fell a victim to the cholera and his widow travelled almost penniless to New York, where she found employment in a stock company playing in a Brooklyn theatre.

Later she appeared in company with John Brougham, Maggie Mitchell, John E. Owens and other famous players of that day. Mrs. Yeamans made her greatest reputation, however, while appearing in the famous Harrigan and Hart farces at the Union Square Theatre.

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**WILL FINLAND FOLLOW KOREA?**  
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It seems that Finland is doomed, and the "Christian nations," so-called, will sit and twiddle their thumbs during the process. Big, ignorant, brutal, drunken Russia has had underway for some time a program for the complete absorption of Finland. As is well known, Finland is but a grand duchy of Russia which has charge of its foreign affairs, but it is wholly independent in the control of its internal affairs, with its own legislative body. It has the right to levy all taxes, and no military force can be levied except on vote of the diet.

It is in these two particulars that Russia is attempting to break down its wall of independence. The czar has demanded and from Finland for support of the imperial army, and the right to recruit troops, making them a part of the imperial forces. This, in its logical conclusion, would end Finnish autonomy and be the forerunner of absorption.

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The Finns are the best citizens of the empire. Living in a rugged and naturally forbidding country, they are successful farmers, overcoming much the same difficulties met on our cut-over forest lands and stony fields. They foster agriculture by a complete system of farm schools, and are liberal in their aid to all educational institutions.

They are a liberty loving, industrious, frugal and intelligent people, infinitely superior in their ideals, habits and morality to the Russians. If they are robbed of their self-government through the cowardly indifference of Europe, it will be another added to the many black pages of that continent's history.—Duluth News-Tribune.

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**HOW ANN ARBOR WAS NAMED.**  
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One of Romantic Facts Connected With Early Life of Southern Michigan....

One of the romantic facts connected with the early history of Southern Michigan is the genesis of the rather unusual name of the seat of the State University, Ann Arbor. While the general facts have long been known it has seemed a difficult matter to make sure of the exact facts, and few are now living who know them.

The following data were furnished by Mrs. H. G. Post of Grand Rapids, a daughter of one of the earliest settlers of Washtenaw county, and were



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published in the University of Michigan Alumni for October, 1908. Mrs. Post says in a letter to the editor:

"In the early summer of 1825 my father, Samuel Camp, left Detroit in a scow with his wife, his household goods making all things as comfortable as possible. He poled his scow up the Huron until he reached the spot where John Allen and Elisha W. Rumsey had landed three days before. They had no tents, but had selected a dense grape grove, and with brush and bark added for roof made a temporary shelter for a few days (fortunately no storm intervening), when the three men put up a log shanty with blankets for doors and

windows. A permanent log fire was constantly burning and as they sat at evening enjoying its light and warmth, they discussed a name for their forest home; the newly married men said it must be Ann for their wives and sweethearts—as that was not satisfactory as a name, one of the brides added Arbor, and Ann Arbor proved a fixture—a village grew up around the spot, and when it was incorporated the name Ann Arbor was adopted."—Moderator-Topics.

### Children Taught to Swim.

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